



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors  
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Department Name: Public Health  
Department No.: 041  
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COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA  
CLERK OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

**TO:** Board of Supervisors

**FROM:** Department Director(s) *TW* Takashi Wada, MD, MPH, Director and Health Officer  
Public Health Department  
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**SUBJECT:** Tobacco Settlement Funding Agreements for South Coast EMG and MMC  
Emergency Medical Group

**County Counsel Concurrence**

As to form: Yes

**Auditor-Controller Concurrence**

As to form: Yes

**Other Concurrence:** Risk Management

As to form: Yes

**Recommended Actions:**

That the Board of Supervisors consider recommendations as follows:

- a) Approve and authorize the Chair to execute an Agreement with South Coast EMG to provide emergency hospital care to the medically indigent in Santa Barbara County in an amount not to exceed \$148,748: \$74,374 for period July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2012; and \$74,374 for the period July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2013.
- a) Approve and authorize the Chair to execute an Agreement with MMC Emergency Medical Group to provide emergency hospital care to the medically indigent in Santa Barbara County in an amount not to exceed \$148,748: \$74,374 for the period July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2012; and \$74,374 for the period July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2013.
- b) Determine that these activities are exempt from California Environmental Quality Act review per CEQA Guideline Section 15061(b)(3), since it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the activities may have a significant effect on the environment.

**Summary Text:**

This item is on the Board agenda for approval and execution of Tobacco Settlement (TS) funding Agreements with South Coast EMG (South Coast) and MMC Emergency Medical Group (MMC) for emergency room care for the medically indigent in our community. Each of these Agreements contain an allocation of \$74,374 for FY 2011-12 which was previously being held in anticipation of an

Intergovernmental Transfer (IGT) on behalf of South Coast and MMC. The IGT did not transpire and, as such, neither South Coast nor MMC have received any of their previously allocated funding for FY 2011-12. Approval of Recommendation a) will execute an Agreement to provide the FY 2011-12 payment and the FY 2012-13 funding to South Coast; and approval of Recommendation b) will execute an Agreement to provide the FY 2011-12 payment and the FY 2012-13 funding to MMC.

**Background:**

During the FY 2011-12 Budget Hearings, the Public Health Department (PHD) brought its recommendations to the Board of Supervisors for TS funding allocations. The Board approved those recommendations and allocated the TS funding as part of the County's FY 2011-12 budget process. That TS funding, for FY 2011-12, included \$74,374 allocated to South Coast and \$74,374 for MMC for emergency room care of the medically indigent in our community.

In October of 2011, South Coast, MMC and PHD began researching the feasibility of entering into an IGT agreement in an effort to increase South Coast and MMC's annual funding. The FY 2011-12 TS funds for South Coast and MMC were therefore held by PHD in anticipation of that IGT transaction. In December 2011, South Coast and MMC made the decision not to enter into the IGT citing the length of the process which would have a negative impact on their agencies. Both South Coast and MMC did, however, provide services and submit claims to PHD during FY 2011-12 for which they have not been reimbursed.

During the FY 2012-13 Budget Hearings, PHD again brought its recommendations to the Board of Supervisors for allocation of FY 2012-13 TS funding. The Board also approved those recommendations and allocated the TS funding as part of the FY 2012-13 budget process. Again, \$74,374 was allocated to South Coast and \$74,374 was allocated to MMC for emergency room care of the medically indigent in our community.

The Agreements for both of these agencies have the FY 2011-12 and the FY 2012-13 allocations combined. The FY 2011-12 allocations will be provided in a single, one-time, lump sum payment for services rendered during FY 2011-12. The FY 2012-13 allocation will be paid at the completion of the fiscal year and upon receipt of claims from each agency for services rendered in FY 2012-13.

**Performance Measure:**

TS funding is used to pay for emergency room physician encounters using State Medi-Cal rates for emergency department care for adults and children who are uninsured and not eligible for publicly funded programs. Funding is distributed to the three area emergency room physician groups according to a pre-determined allocation agreement. Reimbursement is at State Medi-Cal rates.

**Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:**

Budgeted: Yes

**Fiscal Analysis:**

Both of these Agreements, for \$148,748 each, are fully funded through the Tobacco Settlement allocation received by Santa Barbara County. There is no use of general fund resources associated with these Agreements. Once approved by your Board, the department will return with the necessary budget revision to add the FY 2011-12 allocation for each grantee to the County's Adjusted Budget. FY 2012-13 funds have been allocated as part of the Public Health Department's FY 2012-13 Adopted Budgets and can be found in the County's Operating Plan Document on Page D-104.

**Special Instructions:**

Please return one fully executed original Agreement for South Coast EMG and one fully executed original Agreement for MMC Emergency Medical Group, and one Minute Order to: 300 N. San Antonio Road, Santa Barbara, CA 93110; Atten: Rose Davis

**Attachments:**

Professional Services Agreement with South Coast EMG

Professional Services Agreement with MMC Emergency Medical Group

**Authored by:**

Rose Davis, Contracts Administrator